

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 and new claims 16-19 are pending in the application upon entry of this amendment. In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-2 are amended and new claims 16-19 are added for further consideration. No new matter is presented, and, accordingly, approval and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

It is noted that the Office Action indicates that the Applicants' election without traverse of Invention I, claims 1-2 is acknowledged and that the remaining claims are withdrawn from consideration. It is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims 3-15 are retained.

Noted - IDS Considered

The indication (see the PTO/SB/08 form attached to the Office Action) that the Information Disclosure Statements (IDSs) as filed on September 11, 2003, June 14, 2006, and April 5, 2007 and references listed therein have been considered is noted with appreciation.

Noted - Drawings Approved

The indication (see the Office Action Summary) that the Drawings (submitted on September 11, 2003) have been approved is noted with appreciation.

Objection to the Specification

The Abstract is objected to because it contains more than 150 words. By the foregoing amendments, the Abstract has been amended to address the objection to the Specification. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Specification is respectfully

requested.

Rejection of claims 1-2 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jacobs et al. (WO 98/34203). The applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection for at least the following reason.

Independent claim 1 recites that a mobile communication terminal comprises: a first reception unit configured to receive data of a charge from an input device; a second reception unit configured to receive report data of an amount of transferred money from a settlement device; a display configured to display the data of the charge and the report data of the amount of transferred money; and a memory configured to be able to store the data of the charge from the input device at least until the report data is received by the second reception unit. Independent claim 2 incorporates features that correspond to those of claim 1 cited above.

Jacobs et al. (WO 98/34203) illustrates in figure 7 a system employing satellite-fleet mobile communications between a mobile unit and a merchant cashier register for in-person purchases. The mobile unit shown in figure 7 of Jacobs et al. has the functionality of the mobile unit 312 illustrated in figures 1-6 of Jacobs et al. And, Jacobs et al. do not disclose or suggest that the mobile unit 312 comprises a memory configured to be able to store data of a charge from an input device at least until report data is received by a second reception unit, as recited in each of claims 1 and 2.

For at least the foregoing reason, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 50-1290.

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